



## DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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### Examination Committee Meeting Minutes March 10, 2005, San Jose

#### **Members Present**

George SooHoo, DDS, Chair  
Newton Gordon, DDS  
Alan Kaye, DDS  
Chester Yokoyama, DDS

#### **Members Absent**

LaDonna Drury-Klein, RDA

#### **Staff Present**

Cynthia Gatlin, Executive Officer  
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer  
La Rita Abdul-Rahman, Secretary  
Alan Mangels, Attorney General Liaison  
LaVonne Powell, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order by Dr. SooHoo. Roll was taken and a quorum established.

#### **Agenda Item 9.1 Approval of minutes**

Without discussion, it was m/s/c (Kaye/Yokoyama) to accept the minutes of the January 2005 meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 9.2 Establish a Policy on Use of Minor Patients for Exams**

Legal counsel LaVonne Powell reiterated concern that when minors are used as exam patients, although a signed parental consent form is presented, there is no way to verify that the person who signed the form has legal authority to give consent.

Dr. SooHoo said that although he agrees on the consent issue, eliminating minors will impact the exam.

Dr. Gordon said public hospitals faced this and in a study found that 50% of consent forms were signed by someone other than the consenting authority. They have since addressed the issue.

Dr. Ariane Terlet, past member of the Board spoke in favor of using minor patients, saying the underserved are using the exam to get dental care and asked if the Board could set age parameters. In further discussion it was pointed out that exam patients need permanent teeth.

Dr. Kaye said risk does not change with the age of the patient. He said he is not concerned about life-threatening situations because action would be taken regardless of consent. He suggested that with the setting of age parameters, the Board might also require consent forms be notarized.

Dr. Earl Johnson spoke in favor of the use of minor patients.

Dr. Gordon suggested requiring parents or guardians be present.

Dr. SooHoo said language should say "minors with permanent dentition" and that there must be "full presence of a legal guardian". It was m/s/c (Gordon/ ) to make the change.

### **Agenda Item 9.3 Appointment of New Dental Examiners**

This item was tabled to the May meeting.

### **Agenda Item 9.4 Review/Approval of Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) Regulation**

There was discussion of the following sections:

§ 1028(b)(3) Two classifiable sets of fingerprints on forms provided by the board **with current fee or LiveScan form;**

Proposed § 1030.1(b)(3) **Two classifiable sets of fingerprints on forms provided by the board with current fee or LiveScan form;**

Dr. Gordon asked for clarification of the current fee and after discussion it was suggested the language needs a change to clarify that the "current fee" is the fee required by California Dept. of Justice (DOJ) for processing fingerprints when rolled prints are submitted. The Board collects whatever the "current fee" is, and passes it on to DOJ.

§ 1031. Supplemental Examinations in California Law and Ethics.

Prior to issuance of a license, ~~an~~ **all** applicants shall successfully complete supplemental written examinations in California law and ethics.

It was determined the change to 1031 is not needed.

§ 1021 Fees, Dr. Gordon suggested a language clean-up:

~~(h)~~ **Biennial license renewal** --~~The fee for the biennial renewal of a dental license for licensing periods commencing on or after October 1, 1991 through May 31, 1998, shall be \$240. The fee for the biennial renewal of a dental license, for the licensing periods commencing on or after June 1, 1998 shall be \$365.~~

It was m/s/c (Kaye/Gordon) to approve the proposed language with the suggested changes.

There was no public comment and the meeting was adjourned.